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Application No.: 09/901219 Group Art Unit: 1615
Filed: July 9, 2001 Examiner: Isis Ghali
Title: PYRROLIDONOETHYL (METH)ACRYLATE CONTAINING PRESSURE
SENSITIVE ADHESIVE COMPOSITIONS

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 18, 2002 in which the Examiner rejected claims 1-30, Applicant respectfully submits the following remarks:

Remarks

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 4, 5, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 3,966,902 ('902). The Examiner notes that '902 discloses a polymer comprising pyrrolidonoethyl methacrylate polymerized with alkyl acrylate monomer and monomer comprising carboxylic acid (col. 2, lines 30-32, 57-58; col. 3, lines 1-2, 20-22).

'902 is drawn towards polymer complex carriers. Pressure-sensitive adhesive properties are nowhere disclosed. As such, it lists 19 hydrophilic monomers preferred for use (col. 2, lines 19-29), as well as 50 further hydrophilic monomers that are suitable for use (col. 2, lines 30-65) with PyMEA as one of the 50 further monomers considered suitable for use. The optional monomers listed that may be included (col. 2, lines 66-68, col. 3, lines 1-6) do not include a complex forming group and include 14 additional types of monomers of which alkyl acrylates and alkyl methacrylates are included as general classes. PyEA is nowhere mentioned.